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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/029,525
Filing Date	December 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Pugh, Jerry T.
Art Unit	3653
Examiner Name	NOLAND, KENNETH W.
Attorney Docket Number	LIFE-037

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Other PTO/SB/08A (1 pg.); 1 Cited Reference and English Translation; Return Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ enclosed
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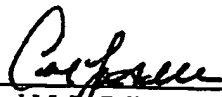
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This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any one of the above references constitutes prior art to the present application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

As applicants have not yet received a first Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be required for filing this Disclosure Statement. If, however, the PTO finds that for some reason a fee is due, our Deposit Account No. 50-0815, Order No. LIFE-037 may be charged thereon.

Respectfully submitted,  
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